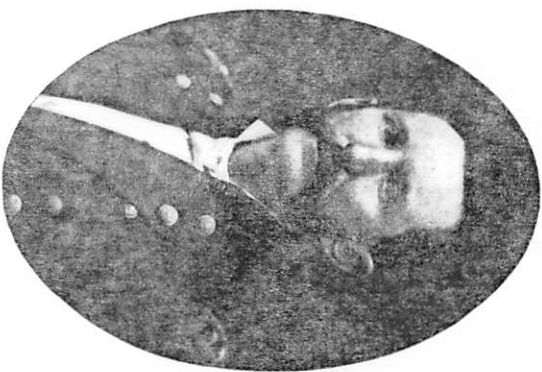


12. During the Civil War.

1862—1865.

The California and Nevada Volunteers. The guarding of the mail route and telegraph line over the Indian-infested mountains and plains—a duty first performed by a portion of the Utah militia—was now placed upon Colonel P. E. Connor and the California and Nevada Volunteers. These troops arrived from the west in October, 1862. They had enlisted to fight for the Union in the war then going on between the North and the South, and it was much to their disappointment that they were ordered to this Territory.

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Their commander, who had been a captain during the Mexican War, was one of the first to place his sword at his country's service after the breaking out of the great Rebellion. Having been made a Colonel of Infantry by the Governor of California, he had recruited



GENERAL P. E. CONNOR.

Patrick Edward Connor was ordered to Utah in his California & Nevada Volunteers (750 men). in May 1862. July 1862 They took up their line of march toward Utah. They would rather have been ordered into the Civil War for the Union. Ref. Church Chronology p. 67.